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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously presented): A dentifrice composition comprising:

- (1) from about 1% to about 50% by weight of the composition of a talc;
- (2) a fluoride salt that provides from about 1 ppm to about 3000 ppm by weight of the composition of a fluoride ion;
- (3) from 7% to about 30% by weight of the composition of a silica abrasive polishing material;
- (4) from about 30% to about 90% by weight of the composition of one or more aqueous carriers; and
- (5) from 1.7% to about 20% by weight of the composition of a chelating agent; wherein the dentifrice composition has a pH of 7.66 or above at 25°C.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the talc is selected from the group consisting of natural talcs, synthesized talcs, methicone treated talcs, hydrotalcites, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 2 wherein the talc is natural talc.

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (Previously presented): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the chelating agent is selected from the group consisting of phosphates, pyrophosphates, tripolyphosphates, citrates, carbonates, tartrates, acetates, diacetates, phytic acid, EDTA, EHDP, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 6 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1, wherein the fluoride salt is selected from the group consisting of sodium fluoride, aluminum

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fluoride, stannous fluoride, potassium fluoride, zinc fluoride, sodium fluorophosphates, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 6, wherein the fluoride salt is a sodium fluoride.

Claim 8 (original): The dentifrice composition according to Claim 1 wherein the aqueous carriers are selected from the group consisting of thickeners, humectants, water, surfactants, titanium dioxide, coloring agents, flavor systems, sweeteners, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 9 (canceled)